

AGENDA

METRO-EAST REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY

REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2012

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Roll Call - Determination of a quorum present.
- B. Introductions by Chairperson
- C. Confidentiality statement presented
- D. Changes in Agenda:
 - 1. Does any member or the coordinator wish to change the agenda?
 - 2. Does any guest wish to speak on an agenda item?

II. MINUTES

- A. Corrections or changes for the minutes of the July 12, 2012 meeting?
- B. Approval

III. COMMUNICATIONS:

IV. NEW BUSINESS A. Complaints

12-070-9032 - a consumer alleges she is denied visitation; wont allow personal cosmetics; don't allow attorney's phone calls; she is allergic to pork and the facility continues to offer her pork and her Social Worker refused to meet with her on a regular basis. Case opening was tabled at the last meeting.

12-070-9035 - a consumer is mistreated by agency staff who will not allow her to live a normal life when staff purposely challenge consumers rather than offering a treatment style of approach when working with persons with disabilities. Case opening was tabled at the last meeting.

12-070-9036 - a consumer lives in an agency apartment and receives services from them. Her treatment team, including staff and Physician do not meet with her to offer a discharge plan. She has made it clear she would like to move to her home in Caroline. The Physician does not want to release her to leave chestnut who has payeeship - she goes to gambling counseling and had a drink she had someone in her apartment, but she has not been in any trouble. Case opening was tabled at the last meeting.

12-070-9037 - In February 2012, the media announced that Gov Quinn had decided to close a state operated facility to move residents into community group homes. This was a budget

decision, not based on the needs of residents. A letter from the agency Director dated February 24, 2012 indicates that the family will be contacted by Department of Human Services and still the residents and/or families have not received additional correspondence. No one has followed through on this promise or provided additional information. Case opening was tabled at the last meeting.

13-070-9003 - a consumer has lost his opportunity to live in the least restrictive setting after a placement agency had him admitted to a 16 bed ICF/DD. The consumer is very high functioning compared to other residents who have many more issues and cannot relate or even interact with the consumer. As a result of the placement, the consumer has lost an opportunity to live in a CILA. Case opening was tabled at the last meeting.

13-070-9004 - alleged that staff will not allow a consumer to have private consultation with her Physician and the agency will not allow her to handle her own medication.

13-070-9005 - a facility does not ensure appropriate and urgent dental services are provided.

13-070-9006 - an agency enters a facility and interviews residents allegedly searches through garbage and disturbs the unit. The guardian does not want this agency staff speaking to her son because he is easily upset by their presence.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Case progress reports

12-070-9018 - Alton Mental Health Center - forced a blood test

12-070-9022 - Wellsprings - housing discrimination

12-070-9034 - Alton Mental Health Center - computer/education

13-070-9001 - Alton Mental Health Center - computer privileges

13-070-9002 - Alton Mental Health Center - rights posted

B. Reports of Findings:

12-070-9016 - Madison County Housing - landlord evicted a consumer & refused to return property

12-070-9023 - Warren G. Murray - facility won't allow DNR

12-070-9024 - Warren G. Murray - treatment team/adhere to guardian

12-070-9026 - Alton Mental Health Center - communications/phones

12-070-9030 - Alton Mental Health Center - privileges

C. Case Closures:

12-070-9005 - Alton Mental Health Center - guardian access

12-070-9007 - Alton Mental Health Center - computer/personal property

12-070-9008 - Alton Mental Health Center - OIG property

12-070-9010 - Alton Mental Health Center - medical treatment & forced on milieu

12-070-9011 - Alton Mental Health Center - psychotropic medication

12-070-9028 - Alton Mental Health Center - privileges

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS

A. Set next meeting October 11, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. - Schedule site visits –

VII. ADJOURNMENT